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REMARKS

This paper is in response to a telephone call from the Examiner and the subsequent discussion. Prior to this paper, claims 1-24 were pending in the present application. By this paper, no claims are added or deleted. Thus, claims 1-24 remain pending in the present application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance for the reasons that follow.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants again thank Examiner Roberts for the indication that claims 4 and 5 contain allowable subject matter, and that claims 9 and 10 are allowed.

Telephone Interviews of the Weeks of September 15 and September 22, 2003

Applicants thank Examiner Roberts for extending a series of telephone interviews during the weeks of September 15 and September 22, 2003, to Applicants' representatives, where the above claim amendments were discussed, and it was agreed that the above claims were allowable in view of the cited references, but that a new art search would be performed.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment,

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to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Roberts is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date _____

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